

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
(Case No. 00,617-F)

**PATENT**

In the Application of:	)	
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Hefeneider <i>et al.</i>	)	
	)	Before the Examiner:
Serial No.:     To be assigned	)	Ruixiang Li
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Filed:             July 15, 2003	)	Group Art Unit: 1646
	)	
For:     Mammalian DNA Binding Membrane-	)	
Associated Protein-Encoding Gene and	)	
Uses	)	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir or Madam:

Responsive to the Official Action, mailed July 22, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims in light of the following amendments and remarks.